

CPLR Academic Seminar: Legislating for Solidarity: On the Ethnic Solidarity and Progress Promotion Law and Its Constitutional Foundation

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On 9 February 2026, the Public Law and Human Rights Forum (CPLR) held an academic seminar titled “Legislating for Solidarity: On the Ethnic Solidarity and Progress Promotion Law and Its Constitutional Foundation.” The seminar was delivered by **Prof. Zhai Han** (Associate Professor, School of Law, Huazhong University of Science and Technology). **Prof. Huang Tao** (Assistant Professor and Core Member of CPLR, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong) served as the moderator. **Prof. Xu Guodong** (Professor, School of Law, Xiamen University) and **Prof. Zhu Guobin** (Professor and Director of CPLR, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong) were invited as discussants.

In her presentation, **Prof. Zhai** examined “solidarity” as a constitutional value and discussed the legislative background and constitutional foundations of the forthcoming Ethnic Solidarity and Progress Promotion Law. She outlined the evolution of ethnic governance in China from policy-oriented approaches to a more law-based framework, and analysed the normative structure of state duties under the Constitution. Drawing on comparative and theoretical

perspectives, she explored how the concept of solidarity may be translated into legal norms and institutional mechanisms.

Following the presentation, **Prof. Xu** offered comments and reflections on the theoretical and legislative dimensions of solidarity, including comparative observations and conceptual issues. **Prof. Zhu** and **Prof. Huang** also shared their insights and comments. The seminar continued with a lively and thought-provoking discussion session, during which the PhD students and other participants raised questions and engaged in exchange with the speaker and discussants. Concluding the seminar, **Prof. Huang** delivered the closing remarks and thanked the participants.

